

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUHIRO IKEDA) : Examiner: A. Jamal
Application No.: 09/977,701) : Group Art Unit: 2614
Filed: October 16, 2001) : Confirmation No. 3756
For: CENTRAL MANAGEMENT) :
SYSTEM FOR PERIPHERAL) :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, the period for reply to which having been extended to September 30, 2007 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, and in view of the Advisory Action dated August 3, 2007, please amend the application as follows.